



Portland D.

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My darling Sister.

Your  
last letter appreciated  
-epoch came yesterday  
and I hasten to reply.

You naughty girl  
though for sending me  
back that money for I  
know you need it dead.

But I think you many  
times and that many  
kisses. Well I guess I  
might as well begin to  
answer your many  
questions. As for Mr. Head  
& I we have quite entirely  
I left several of his letters  
unanswered and he took  
for him and I am

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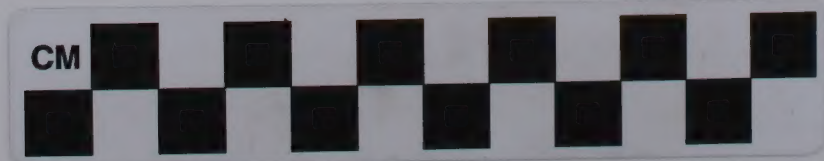
indeed <sup>2</sup>glad. he is a  
thing of the past, gone  
and forgotten. we could  
never repay so much  
the use of master's time  
in winter. "This is  
October" Thanks dear for  
your cordial invitation to  
visit you about the 28.  
I certainly would be  
delighted. I trust there  
will be excursions, but  
Chas. says I can never  
have Portland again  
without him.

Now I will tell you  
some of my secrets  
again. The Chas. Wood is  
my old true sweetheart  
that I broke my heart  
over two years ago when I  
left her. Oh! such a parting

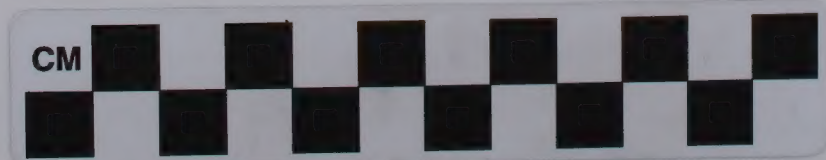
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Well I told you in my  
last how we had accidentally  
met again and were now  
going together now, and  
now he dont allow me  
to go with anyone but  
him "Who" he but he gave  
me a letter the other night  
for drifting while he was  
out of the City for a  
day or two, and there is  
one more fellow Kate dear boy  
"but 34 yrs old" big boy isn't he  
that I think to much of  
and he of me, I met  
him yesterday on the Q.T.  
in the afternoon and he  
said he was begining to  
wish that he had never  
met me, and that as he



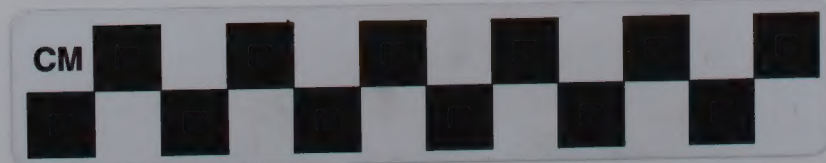
says is <sup>= 4-</sup> saying a good  
deal. He is an ideal man  
without a doubt and  
he is determined that I shall  
not leave the City and he  
don't want me to marry he  
says. If you mean  
going for good so he leaves the  
City. He offered me a  
fine position his name  
friend is the owner of the  
millinery department at  
Sammels, Johnston & Whitney store  
on Orchard St. and that friend  
has seen me and very anxious  
to ~~see~~ <sup>meet</sup> me and Kate says he  
would be delighted if I  
would only accept a  
position as satisfactory in  
his department, not hinner  
and he would pay me  
well to about \$8.00 at first  
and then later more





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and of course I would board  
and no-car for and Kate  
says he would pay my  
board in spite of ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup>  
thing I said or don't said  
he would go to the land lady  
himself. And all I made  
would be for my self. <sup>he</sup>  
is perfectly happy. And  
he is always asking me  
to go some where and let  
me take in my thing  
The G L K Council was but  
no more can I go with  
him. For Chas says I am  
to be here and before many  
weeks I may be his  
why understood and he  
has threatened me if he sees  
or hears of my being  
with another man and  
he knows there is one but

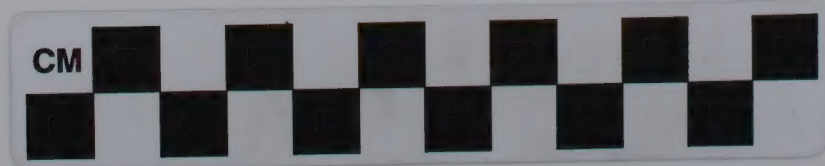


-does not <sup>know</sup> his name.  
O! but he is jealous of me,  
is southern so that accounts  
for his jealousy and temper.  
And the joke on me and  
Nate is that Phas comes  
up very night now so  
I can't possibly see Nate and  
besides I am watched I  
can't go down town unless  
he has heard all about it, but  
Nate & I write every day and  
I met him yesterday  
afternoon at 4 o'clock driving  
out at Edgewater Park  
and returned at 7 which  
time Phas came, and  
tomorrow afternoon I am  
to show him about going  
to the same place bathing  
-we are both missing Lances  
of our lives nearly for Oh,  
if Phas hears of our on  
the shy-daytime meetings the





results I nearly know,  
but you dear Sam now  
know that Nate & I do  
think something of each  
other. To our satisfaction  
although I do love Dad  
I think more for Nate.  
Dad expects a letter from his  
nephew in Florida whom  
owns many large orange  
plantations and he has for  
years wanted & offered Dad  
a fine place there as head  
manager on one of them that  
means to mount a horse and  
ride all over it ordering the  
drivers about is all and more  
would consider the proposition  
until here to the above will  
you know. To be



wrote his <sup>8</sup> uncle the other  
day and now waiting a  
reply is all. if he  
should not succeed in getting  
that as some reason or other  
he wants me to marry any  
way even though we do  
have to remain in Flor. as  
much as we both dislike to  
end <sup>he</sup> don't consider his position  
well or good enough to support  
us both as he wants to do here.

But I am going to arrive  
at a decision soon. But he  
is determined to marry me  
soon or later. but Oh! I  
hope the Florida position is  
all right. his uncle's home  
is as fine as any in Florida  
and we could live there if  
we chose to in this manner  
but I prefer a home & servants  
by our selves and he does to.





Well my <sup>9</sup>-dear Sister I  
place all confidence in you  
and expect you never to  
tell any one any thing I  
have never told you never  
5 days from now. will you.  
Oh by the way Edie. Last  
night Dad was lying on  
the couch smoking his  
Havanna and looking up at  
your picture on the wall he  
says "Hello dear sister  
soon to be" and he spoke  
of you being such a lovely girl.  
But my Mother he is funny  
and says just before we leave  
he with me by his side wants  
to give her a five 15 minutes  
talk. I was out to see her  
yesterday took lunch with her but  
she made it so unpleasant by  
throwing such awful reflections



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on my character that I left  
and walked over to Father's for  
a short call of a hour. Ma is  
going to break up horse keeping  
this month. for sure. very wise  
in her method, paying rent for  
a empty house. So I leave  
for Sunday morning at 8 sharp  
for Sandusky & Cedar Point by boat  
a party of them accompanied by one  
of the great hunts Mr. Brownell  
She lives at Sandusky and her house  
is open for us girls and the boys  
will stop at Hotel but we will  
take our meals with them and be  
together all day. Chas is my fellow  
of course. we may remain a couple  
or several days there again may be  
longer. our bathing suits several short  
skirts is all we girls are going to take  
in our bags. the gentlemen all belong to the  
Club and get help there. they have the  
laundries up there now so we can go  
sailing up to Cedar Point by it. what  
it be fine? Well by the way write me  
soon & long & often. With love & kisses in  
abundance. Love Your loving sister Jane.

